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RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 7, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.